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**Senator Gregg: Despite Record Debt Levels,
Congress Continues the Spending Spree**
"This Isn't a Jobs Bill, It's a Debt Bill"

Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, today commented on the Senate passage of Majority Leader Reid's amended tax and highway extension bill. Senator Gregg raised a point of order under Section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against the bill because it spends more than the FY 2010 budget resolution allows. The Senate waived the point of order by a 63-34 vote.

"Despite our record levels of debt, it's clearly business as usual for the Democratic Congress when it comes to spending," said Senator Gregg. "This is the third week in a row that the Democratic leadership has brought a bill to the Senate floor that violates its own budget. If a projected deficit of \$1.6 trillion this year isn't bad enough, now they have added another \$3 billion to it, on top of the billions that have been spent over the past month alone. This spending spree has to stop. The Democratic majority should live under its own budget and by its own budget enforcement rules, not cast them aside when they get in the way of their political agenda. The end result of this reckless borrowing and spending is that our country will soon be in a situation it cannot recover from, and our children will be left to clean up this mess."